

SENATOR PIRSCH: To the school funds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, and my time is up, and I hope you don't think I was rude, but I was trying to get that in before my time ran out about why I thought there would be a battle for the money.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Prior to going to the next speaker, we do have guests under the balconies. We have the owner and publisher of the Custer County Chief that is located in Broken Bow, Charlie Najacht, that is a guest of Senator Jones. And we also have a guest of Senator Hillman, Jan Fitts from Gering under the south balcony. Let's welcome them to the Legislature please. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I hope that you all have the language in front of you so we are operating looking at the words. Senator Chambers, before we start, I do have a question for you, if you would yield?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers, you are being asked a question. Do you care to respond?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Or maybe the Clerk, regarding the actual motion. Is it to strike section (2) completely.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator...Mr. Clerk, can you respond?

CLERK: All.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, I want to point out to you, and I hope you are all looking, that section (2) starts out with an enacting clause. It shall be the duty of the Legislature to provide by law for the implementation of the rights granted in this section, and that would be Section 1. Now the notwithstanding any other provision in this Constitution, the Legislature may, and I accentuate may, provide by law for assessments, forfeitures, or fines against convicted defendants to pay the cost of implementing crime victims rights and for restitution for individual victims. Right now we do have in our statutes restitution for victims. What Senator Pedersen and others have tried is for domestic violence victims, for other victims, that there could be a surcharge, an assessment, probably not called a fine because that would be different, but